

*Governor's Office
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Keeping Arizona's Families Safe, Strong and Prosperous

Mission Statement: *We create a brighter future for Arizona by providing resources, promoting citizen engagement, and leading innovative projects to strengthen and empower families and communities.*

This report represents the progress of the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF) for 2005 and 2006. GOCYF keeps Arizona's families safe, strong and prosperous by providing resources to Arizona communities, promoting citizen engagement and leading innovative projects to strengthen and empower families.

GOCYF manages federal grants that come to the state through the Governor's Office. From 2005 through 2006 GOCYF managed, administered and brought into the state more than \$52M to be spent over the next five years. The office awarded close to \$20M in 2005 and over \$20M in 2006 to more than 150 sub-grantees, representing communities and programs statewide. Grants awarded affected a broad range of issues including: workforce development, substance abuse prevention, child welfare, juvenile justice, youth development, family violence prevention and school readiness.

In addition to grant-related activities, GOCYF engages Arizonans from across the state on 20 boards and commissions. More than 500 community members dedicate time and expertise to participate on one or more of these advisory bodies.

The Governor has been a leader on promoting positive change for Arizona's families through several public-private partnerships housed in GOCYF. The Foundation Roundtable brings together a core group of 50 philanthropies twice a year to build innovative partnerships between government and philanthropy. Issues addressed in recent meetings include the Governor's P-20 education agenda; the state's response to Hurricane Katrina and the lessons learned that could make systems more responsive to Arizonans who are homeless or living in poverty.

GOCYF also facilitates communication among 12 child-serving state agencies in Arizona through the Governor's Children's Cabinet. The purpose of the Children's Cabinet is to focus attention and resources on problems facing Arizona's children, families and communities, coordinate policies and service delivery systems, eliminate barriers to successful implementation of programs that benefit Arizona families and monitor the state's progress on improving outcomes for children.

In 2005 and 2006, 1,500 Arizonans attended GOCYF's 20 annual signature events which included the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards, Victim's Rights Week, the Pack to School supply drive and the Statewide Substance Abuse Conference.

GOCYF is committed to building upon the assets of Arizona's communities, and we thank our partners for all they do to improve outcomes for Arizonans.

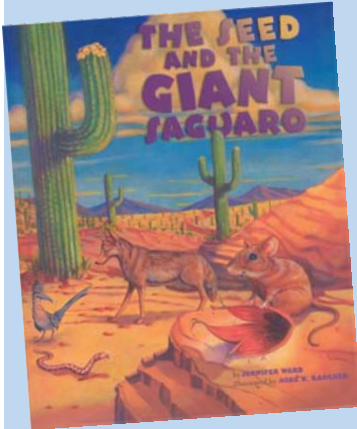


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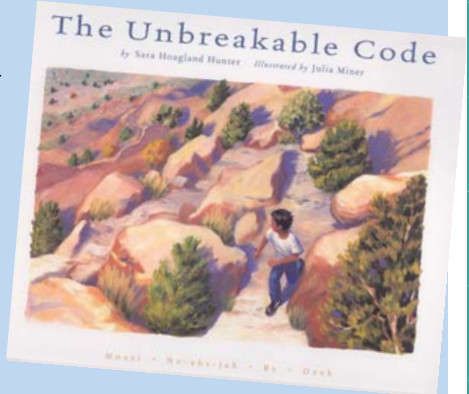
Building public-private partnerships has been a priority of GOCYF as we work to leverage existing philanthropic and governmental assets, maximize collective resources and deliver better services to Arizonans.

One Book for Every First and Fourth Grader

To encourage all children to read, the Governor's Book Project has provided every public school first grader in Arizona a book to take home since 2003. This project has been made possible through a partnership with Phelps Dodge and Southwest Gas Corporations. The 2005 first grade book, *Don't Call Me Pig* by author Conrad Storad, was distributed to 93,000 children; the 2006 book, *The Seed and the Giant Saguaro* written by Jennifer Ward, was distributed to 100,000 children.



In 2005 Governor Napolitano expanded the Book project to include 4th grade students. A public-private partnership was formed with HSBC Beneficial Financial, McDonald's, Arizona Public Service and Southwest Ambulance (2005 only). The 2005 fourth grade book was *Coyote School News* by Joan Sandin distributed to 84,000 children and the 2006 book was *The Unbreakable Code* by Sara Hoagland Hunter distributed to 93,000 children.



The Arizona Early Education Funds

The Arizona Early Education Funds (AEEF) were created as part of the Governor's School Readiness Action Plan to build the capacity of local communities to provide quality early childhood education. The funds were established at the Arizona Community Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

The AEEF Advisory Board is committed to ensuring that Arizona's children start first grade safe, healthy and ready to succeed. In 2005, the board adopted a three-pronged approach to funding. This approach includes the development of early care and education regional partnerships throughout the state, support for innovative projects and quality improvement grants to help child care centers raise their levels of quality. To date, nearly \$4M has been raised as part of this effort.

In 2005, \$250,000 was given to establish the Chase Emergent Leaders Program and \$75,000 was given to support an innovative school readiness program in Coconino County called Kinder Camp. In 2006, \$200,000 was awarded to Pinal, Apache, Cochise, Graham/Greenlee, South Central Maricopa, Santa Cruz and Yavapai counties to establish regional partnerships. An additional \$175,000 was given to the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona to coordinate technical assistance to support the partnerships. These Regional Partnerships lay the foundation for the implementation of Proposition 203 which was passed by voters in 2006 and will raise approximately \$150M per year for early childhood education through a tax on tobacco products.

Child Abuse Prevention License Plate Program

The Child Abuse Prevention License Plate Program is a partnership between GOCYF and the Arizona Republic Charities and its funding partners. The goal of this program is to raise funds for primary child abuse prevention – stopping child abuse before it occurs. Of the \$25 specialty license plate purchase price, \$17 goes directly to primary prevention efforts. In addition, the Arizona Republic Charities and funding partners provide a match of 50 cents on every dollar.

In 2005, 34,961 plates were sold and \$796,060 was donated to 23 agencies statewide. In 2006, 35,560 plates were sold and \$820,036 was distributed to 24 agencies.

BenefitsCheckUp

In partnership with the National Council on Aging (NCOA), Governor Napolitano launched the BenefitsCheckUp Arizona program in May 2004. This program assists persons 55 years of age and older (and agencies that serve them) in determining whether they are eligible for an array of public and private benefits, and provides information on how to access those benefits. Foundation support has been leveraged to fund this initiative, which is now operating in 10 Arizona counties. More than 18,000 Arizonans have utilized BenefitsCheckUp since the project began. In the fall of 2006 BenefitsCheckUp Arizona transitioned to the Department of Economic Security, Division on Aging & Adult Services.

"Pack to School" Supply Drive

"Pack to School" is an annual, collaborative effort with the Salvation Army to provide children in need with backpacks and school supplies. Endorsed by Governor Napolitano's Office for Children, Youth and Families, "Pack to School" also receives supplies from donation drop-boxes in the offices of more than 20 state agencies. These agencies generate approximately one third of all the program's supplies, with the Department of Corrections topping the list of donors. Thousands of students across Arizona benefit from this program each year.

GOCYF Initiatives

Governor's Children's Cabinet

The Governor's Children's Cabinet is comprised of the directors representing twelve of Arizona's child-serving state agencies, as well as the Governor's key policy advisors. The Cabinet works to remove barriers to success by focusing attention and resources on Arizona's children, families and communities and by coordinating policies and service delivery systems. During 2005 and 2006 the Children's Cabinet addressed issues including substance abuse prevention, community development, the continuum of education from preschool through graduate school, positive youth development, early childhood education, and children of incarcerated parents. The Cabinet also engaged in a strategic planning process that resulted in shared goals and a set of measurable indicators to help track progress towards those goals. The Cabinet will release an inaugural report on results for Arizona's children in Arizona in summer 2007.

Governor's Foundation Roundtable

In an effort to foster public-private partnerships between government and philanthropy, the Foundation Roundtable brings together a core group of 50 philanthropies that meet twice annually to discuss policy issues that impact both the state and private philanthropy. Issues addressed in 2005 focused on the state's response to Hurricane Katrina and lessons learned to make systems more responsive to Arizonans who are homeless or living in poverty. The following meeting carried forward this theme with a broad discussion about poverty in Arizona and how government and philanthropy can help lift people out of poverty through asset-development and other anti-poverty strategies. In 2006, the group was introduced to the Governor's P-20 education agenda that aligns education as a continuum beginning in preschool and extending to college and beyond.

Victims' Rights

Governor Napolitano is an advocate for statewide victims' awareness efforts. Her Adviser for Victims works with community groups, businesses and the state legislature to promote the acknowledgement of victims' rights and to help ensure that Arizona crime victims are treated with dignity and respect. The adviser travels throughout the state and country to promote victims rights and distribute issue-focused informational materials.

2006 marked the third year that the Governor's Office, the Arizona Department of Corrections and other state agencies organized community service projects, events and programs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This week recognizes and benefits crime victims throughout the nation, as well as their loved ones. Since 2003, the Governor's Office, the Arizona Department of Corrections and a group of state agencies have coordinated community service projects and events every April during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Arizona 2-1-1

Arizona 2-1-1 is a public information tool that was created as part of the state homeland security blueprint. 2-1-1 provides valuable information about health and human services and offers a platform for the dissemination of critical information in the event of a state or national disaster or emergency. By logging onto www.az211.gov, Arizonans can engage in a variety of activities, from accessing disaster response and homeland security information, to investigating available social services, and linking to volunteer opportunities across the state.

Arizona 2-1-1 went online in June 2005 and became critically important right away with the 2005 wildfire season, as well as providing a mechanism in the fall for Arizonans to volunteer their time and services following Hurricane Katrina. In the week following the announcement that hurricane survivors would be coming to Arizona, 2-1-1 received 32,000 visits— more than 5,500 offers of assistance were received, including approximately 2,300 volunteer offers, 2,000 housing offers, 850 donation offers and 500 offering jobs or transportation.



Governor's Prisoner Re-Entry Task Force

The Prisoner Re-Entry Task Force works to recommend changes in law and policy and increase collaborations among the public, private, and non-profit sectors that will increase public safety by assisting released offenders to successfully reintegrate into the community and live as lawful citizens. The Task Force is comprised of 25 members from government, business, and community and faith-based organizations. There are six subcommittees looking at public safety, housing, workforce development, health issues (including substance abuse and mental health treatment), victims' issues, and family and community issues such as family strengthening and reunification and restoration of civil rights.

AZSECURE

In August 2005, the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded an \$832,343 grant to Arizona for Project AZSECURE, an innovative project that will enable Arizonans to apply for both the Food Stamp Program and Medicaid services through a single Internet-based application called Health-e-Arizona. It will also assist users with applying for the Limited Income Subsidy for the Medicare Prescription drug program. Funds will provide much-needed resources to agencies that serve the elderly, such as the Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) and Community Action Program (CAP) sites, so that these organizations are able to assist patrons in using Arizona 2-1-1, BenefitsCheckUp Arizona and Health-e-Arizona. Once the project has been fully implemented, it is predicted that at least 12,000 more Arizonans will utilize these resources to apply for medical and food stamp services each year.

Faith and Community Initiatives

The Governor's Policy Adviser on Faith and Community Initiatives actively involves faith and community organizations to leverage existing resources to help Arizona communities.

Policy Adviser on Faith and Community Initiatives

In March 2005, Governor Napolitano created a new position in her administration entitled Policy Adviser on Faith and Community Initiatives, to engage people of faith and good will in strategies and initiatives that address the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable Arizonans. Additionally, the adviser promotes partnerships and leverages existing resources to improve the quality of life in Arizona communities. In 2005 there were 32 states with similar positions; this number increased to 33 in 2006. In this role, staff works to:

Identify and eliminate barriers that impede the full participation of faith-based and community groups in the state and federal grants process; Ensure that federally funded social services administered by the state are consistent with equal treatment provisions; Encourage greater corporate and philanthropic support for faith-based and community groups through public education and outreach activities and; Provide technical assistance and training to organizations to increase their capacity to serve their communities.

Earned Income Tax Credit

The Governor's Office continues to provide statewide leadership in promoting and implementing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a refundable tax credit for low-income workers. The EITC is one of the largest anti-poverty programs in the country and, when coupled with proven financial educational strategies, has been credited with lifting more children out of poverty than any other federal aid program by helping low-to-middle income families build assets.

The Governor's Task Force on EITC is comprised of representatives from the business and non-profit communities, the Internal Revenue Service and the Arizona Department of Revenue, as well as tribal, state, county and city governments. The Task Force provides continued leadership and support to local EITC and wealth promotion efforts.



To get the EITC credit, individuals only need to file their federal and state taxes, but an estimated 15-20 percent of eligible Arizona working families do not claim the credit, which ranges from \$399 to \$2,500 per year. Possible reasons for not claiming the tax are that they are unable to complete the tax forms due to a lack of language skills, fear of owing money or simply a lack of knowledge about the credit.

In 2005 the EITC program garnered more than \$13 million dollars for approximately 54,000 Arizona families. This represented an 8.6 percent increase over dollars garnered through EITC in 2004. In the 2006 campaign that figure was over \$25M for over 70,000 families.

In addition, free tax preparation is critical to preserving the benefits of the EITC. Approximately, 68 percent of EITC filers used a paid preparer to assist with their tax return. These preparers can charge as much as \$300 per tax refund prepared. In addition, refund anticipation loans and check-cashing fees take an even greater toll on low-income working families' tax refunds.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA) statewide reduce the impact of these fees on taxpayers by preparing tax returns for free and providing direct deposit to checking accounts with partner banks. In 2005, the IRS estimates that EITC VITA sites saved Arizona families more than \$15 million in tax preparation fees, refund anticipation loan fees and no-account check cashing fees.

Faith Community's Response to Hurricane Katrina

In response to Hurricane Katrina, the faith community assisted more than 1,000 evacuees who received assistance at Veterans Memorial Coliseum. In addition to the ministry of presence provided around the clock at the Coliseum, members of the faith community in Arizona participated in the evacuee response efforts through the provision of housing support, visitation assessments in evacuees' homes, apartments and hotels, transportation, furniture donations, nonperishable items and direct financial assistance to over 3,000 evacuee families. Overall, between September 2005 and December 2006, faith groups contributed more than 10,000 hours and over \$200,000 of volunteer support and resources to the effort.

Governor's Council on Faith and Community Initiatives

In December 2005, the Governor created the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Initiatives. In partnership with this Council, the policy adviser has continued to provide training and technical assistance to local and regional faith-based and community groups in the areas of social services integration and disaster relief, response and recovery.

School Readiness Board

The School Readiness Board works to develop a coordinated, efficient, and cost effective delivery system for early childhood education.

Governor Napolitano's five-year School Readiness Action Plan was published in January 2004 and is a blueprint for building an early childhood system in Arizona. Implementation was initiated in the following areas:

Ready Families

2005

- Secured \$11.2 million to eliminate the childcare subsidies waiting list.

- Developed and produced 7,500 Arizona Parents' Kits in partnership with the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, which included resources and materials for new parents. The Kit was piloted in two hospitals in Maricopa County.

- Expanded the Healthy Families program to nearly double the number of participating families (15,550) in 100 communities.

2006

- Arizona Parents Kit pilot was completed and The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust began distribution of 70,000 kits through area hospitals to all new parents throughout Maricopa County.

- 130 physicians were trained to provide developmental screening for children at risk of developmental delays with Arizona Health Care Cost Care System (AHCCCS), Department of Health Services, and the Academy of Pediatrics.

- Seven new Healthy Families teams were established during 2006; two in Maricopa County, two in Pima County and one each in Flagstaff, Sierra Vista, and Yuma. The Healthy Family Program offers home visits to struggling families to prevent child abuse and neglect and improve the stability of the family.

Ready Programs & Schools

2005

- Supported the expansion of voluntary full-day kindergarten to school districts where 80 percent of students are eligible for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Act.

- Completed a plan to phase in a statewide quality rating system with the Arizona Department of Economic Security, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Department of Education.

2006

- Secured \$400,000 to increase Department of Health Services licensing staff to reduce monitoring caseloads and to reduce backlog of annual inspections of child care facilities.

- Expanded full-day kindergarten to school districts and charter schools for pupils who meet the enrollment requirements for ADE kindergarten programs.

- Involved 46-child care centers in a Quality Rating System pilot in Tucson, improving the quality of care for approximately 3,700 children through a public/private partnership with the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Ready Teachers

2005

- Completed the Arizona System Ready/Child Ready Professional development grant with Arizona State University, which trained 301 early childhood education teachers.

- Expanded the Statewide Early Education Development Scholarship program (SEEDS) with \$433,000 in Workforce Investment funds.

2006

- Expanded the Statewide (SEEDS) program through linkage with the Department of Economic Security (DES) Professional Career Pathways Program.

- Laid the foundation for the articulation of course credits between Arizona community colleges.

Ready Communities

2005

- Supported the Arizona Early Education Funds in raising more than \$2M.

- Held the Business Forum on Early Education for 165 business leaders in January 2005.

- Launched the "You're It" social marketing campaign with the Arizona United Way.

2006

- Distributed over \$600,000 to fund 17 Regional Partnerships through the Arizona Early Education Funds (AEEFs), Phelps Dodge and the Ellis Foundation for Education Excellence to support early childhood systems of care at the community level.

- Held a summit for 160 state agency staff to support the expansion of Parent-Led Community Action Teams in support of parent involvement and leadership at the community and state levels.

School Readiness Division Grants

Chase Emergent Leaders Program

\$250,000 over two years

The Chase Early Education Emergent Leaders Program is a public-private partnership between the Governor's State School Readiness Board and the Southwest Human Development Training Department, with funding from Chase Bank through the Arizona Early Education Funds. In 2005, 25 early childhood practitioners were chosen for the first class of Chase Emergent Leaders, a yearlong program that builds the leadership, management, and advocacy skills of those working in the field of early childhood education. Another 25 graduates completed the program in 2006; these Emergent Leaders represent the cultural and geographic diversity of children in Arizona. The goal of the Emergent Leaders program is to create a cadre of leaders who will serve as role models, advocates and mentors in the field of early childhood education.

Child Care and Development Fund Grants

\$250,000 in 2005 and \$250,000 in 2006

The SRB administers funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant (through DES) to provide training and technical assistance for before-and-after school child care providers.

Scholarships for Early Education Development (SEEDS) Grants

\$433,000 over three years

In 2005, \$212,000 of the Governor's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds were directed to early childhood education centers in Yavapai, Mohave and Pima counties to encourage and assist early childhood practitioners to increase their professional education. The grant supports coursework at community colleges as well as through a partnership between the Office of the Pima County School Superintendent and the University of Arizona.

Head Start Collaboration Project

\$175,000 in 2005 and \$218,000 in 2006

The SRB administers a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish linkages among Head Start, child care, social welfare, health, and state funded preschool programs.

Maternal and Child Health State Early Childhood Systems Grant

\$137,000 in 2005 and \$137,000 in 2006

This grant funds planning efforts to build comprehensive early childhood systems around family support, parent education, access to health care, healthy social and emotional development, and high quality childcare.

National Governor's Association

\$10,000 in 2006

The School Readiness Board was awarded a grant by The National Governor's Association to support a statewide summit on early childhood system building.

Smart Start National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC)

\$150,000 in 2006 (in kind)

The NTAC will support Arizona's developing early childhood system. Assistance with planning and technical assistance will support development of Arizona's early childhood development and health initiative and the action steps identified in Governor Napolitano's School Readiness Plan.

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Division for Children

The Division for Children promotes and advances the strength and well-being of Arizona's children and families. The Division specializes in administering juvenile justice grants and the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools program.

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The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission

This commission is staffed by the Division for Children and provides ongoing promotion for best practices in juvenile justice. The Commission oversees the implementation of the federal Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), including compliance with rules regarding detention of juveniles, examination of disproportionate minority contact, multi-system integration and information sharing. Additionally, the Commission oversees the JJDP and Juvenile Accountability Block grant funds.



Drug Endangered Children

The Division for Children works in partnership with the Office of the Attorney General and other agency representatives to provide services for children living in homes where methamphetamine is being manufactured. From the moment a lab is shut down, this program coordinates physical and behavioral health services for children who are exposed to toxic chemicals as well as addressing neglect and abuse that they may have experienced in these environments.

Child Welfare-Juvenile Justice Integration Initiative

In May 2006 the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission and the Division for Children held a statewide summit to help promote greater integration in the provision of services to children and families in their communities. Local teams from each Arizona county began the development of a plan to better integrate services in their specific area. A statewide team began the development of a plan to address statewide issues. Ten counties continued to meet and to develop relationships and procedures for working together more effectively during 2006.

Interagency Workgroup on Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention

This work group unites numerous child-serving agencies in an effort to lower Arizona's teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rate. To accomplish this goal, the Work Group is focusing on some of our highest-risk groups of youth including those involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice system and youth who are already parents of one child. The work group is developing training for direct care staff and community providers, and identifying and/or adapting a reproductive health education curriculum to be provided to youth in care and to parenting youth.

Vision for Youth

The Division for Children and the Division for Community & Youth Development staff the Vision for Youth Task Force, focusing on vocational and educational development for youth in at-risk situations. The committee is made up of representatives from youth-serving agencies that provide education or workforce services, agencies that serve at-risk youth and economic development agencies. This effort is part of the national Shared Vision for Youth project. Arizona is one of 16 states selected to attend an advanced training forum in September 2007 focusing on developing partnerships to better prepare at-risk youth for the workforce.

Division for Children Grants

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant

(2005) \$1.2M

(2006) \$1.1M

The purpose of this federal grant program is to fund programs that prevent violence in and around schools, prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs, and involve parents and communities in the support of student academic achievement. In 2005 and in 2006 ten programs were funded statewide as apart of this grant.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant: Title V, Title II and Challenge

(2005) \$1M

(2006) \$1M

In 2005 and 2006, 19 programs were funded to target delinquency prevention and intervention, creating alternatives to detention and increasing availability of aftercare services for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG): Local Pass-Through

(2005) \$622,000

(2006) \$650,000

Throughout Arizona, JABG funds support a variety of successful programs, including community service and restitution programming, safe schools programs and technology enhancements for more effective information sharing among juvenile justice stakeholders.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant: State Retained — \$280,000

In 2005 and 2006, JABG state-retained funds were awarded to the Arizona Supreme Court and the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections to support enhanced statewide information sharing systems and accountability-based programming options.

Children's Justice Act — \$330,000

These federal pass-through dollars promote education and training in child abuse investigations and development of family-based advocacy centers.

Division for Substance Abuse Policy

In partnership with the Arizona Parents Commission, the Division for Substance Abuse Policy provides resources to support a broad array of services to enhance parental involvement and improve education about the risks and health problems associated with abuse of alcohol and other drugs. These programs are among the most innovative and accountable programs in Arizona.

Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Initiatives

The Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention (Parents Commission) works to develop and fund programs that increase and enhance parental involvement in youth substance abuse prevention and increase education about the serious risks and public health problems caused by alcohol and controlled substances. The Parents Commission allocated \$4.2M in 2005 and \$4.5M in 2006 to initiatives including:

Underage Drinking Initiative:

(2005) \$1.1M

(2006) \$1.1M

In 2005 and 2006 the Parents Commission funded underage drinking media campaigns directed at parents during prom and graduation season. Planning is now underway for a multi-year campaign designed to change social norms and public attitudes about underage drinking, the cause of more youth deaths than any other substance. In 2005-2006 the Parents Commission funded other underage drinking strategies and programs including: tribal youth programs, retail establishment enforcement, research on adult perceptions for underage drinking, data collection for underage use and consequences and statewide youth-led prevention activities. The planning and activities implemented for this initiative are coordinated with community coalitions funded by federal grants.

Anti-Meth Initiative:

(2005) \$1.1M

(2006) \$500,000

This three-year project supports the development of 22 community coalitions, which includes every county and six tribes across the state. Currently, the coalitions have completed assessments of the impact of the methamphetamine problem on their individual communities, and have begun implementing local plans to address the problems related to methamphetamine use in their communities. They have also coordinated with the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force to develop a statewide plan with specific prevention, treatment and enforcement recommendations to address meth use.

Bullying Prevention

(2005) \$225,000

(2006) \$225,000

In 2005 the anti-bullying initiative, a public-private, research based "best practice" program, served more than 55,000 children in 82 schools. This program proved to create safer school and classroom environments where children perform better academically and to reduce anti-social behavior such as substance abuse.

School-Based Parenting Programs

(2005) \$500,000

(2006) \$500,000

DSAP supports school-based parenting programs, which have been shown to improve parenting skills, parental attitudes toward drug use by their children, family communication and conflict resolution. In 2005, an additional 28 schools and school districts joined the 270 schools that participated in the first round of school-based parenting programs.

Annual Drug Court Conference

(2005)\$ 15,000

(2006)\$ 15,000

In 2005, the Governor's Office co-hosted the 5th Annual Arizona Drug Court Conference, with the theme of "Statewide Collaboration to Enhance Effective Expansion and Permanency of Drug Courts." GOCYF participated again in 2006; "A Strategy for Success: Strengthening Participants, Families and Communities.

Additional Division for Substance Abuse Policy Initiatives

Children of Incarcerated Parents

(2005) \$40,000

(2006) \$40,000

Approximately 40,000 children in Arizona have one or more parents in state prison. To help stop the intergenerational cycle of crime and incarceration, the Division is coordinating a partnership with the Arizona Department of Corrections and the Parents Commission to support children of incarcerated parents and build parenting skills for incarcerated adults who will be returning to their children after release. In 2005, the Governor and the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention hosted the second statewide conference on Children of Incarcerated Parents, which focused on unique issues facing this population and what multi-disciplinary stakeholders can do to help them. The 2006 conference had over 400 attendees and included further discussion of how stakeholders can help ease the number of issues affecting this unique population.

Families of Incarcerated Youth

(2005) \$360,000

(2006) \$360,000

This program works with families to help keep kids in the juvenile corrections system from continuing to commit crimes and moving into the adult corrections system. This initiative served more than 250 incarcerated youth and their families in 2005 and 320 in 2006.

Co-Occurring Disorders- State Incentive Grant (CO-SIG)

\$4 million

This five-year grant is being used to improve delivery of services for adults and children in the justice system that have concurrent mental health and substance abuse issues. This grant has established broad partnerships between Arizona's Departments of Corrections, Juvenile Corrections and Health Services and the Administrative Office of the Courts (Probation). These partners have implemented a pilot program in a corrections facility to provide early identification of people with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues, and to build comprehensive service systems to help them get treatment, with the objective of reducing recidivism and increasing public safety.

Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant

\$11.75 million

This grant supports 11 community-based coalitions that mirror state-level substance abuse assessment, planning and implementation activities. The coalitions have coordinated their planning efforts with the state underage drinking and anti-methamphetamine initiatives. At the end of the grant term, local communities will have successfully built capacity to better coordinate prevention services in partnership with state agencies.

Division for Women

The Governor's Division for Women is committed to ensuring that all women in Arizona live productive, healthy lives, free from violence, with access to health care and an adequate means of self-sufficiency.

The Division administers grants, provides training and information, and guides policy on the issues of domestic violence, women's health and workforce development.

State Plan on Domestic and Sexual Violence

Implementation of *The State Plan on Domestic and Sexual Violence: A Guide for Safety and Justice in Arizona* began in 2005 with results tracked. Implementation activities included:

Statewide Law Enforcement Training on Domestic Violence (2005)

A partnership has been established between the Arizona Peace Officers' Training and Standards (AzPOST) Board, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Morrison Institute and the Governor's Office to improve, enhance and institutionalize law enforcement training on domestic violence for every jurisdiction across the state. A study, "Layers of Meaning: Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement Attitudes in Arizona," was released in December 2005 and resulted in greater statewide awareness about domestic violence and the criminal justice system.

College Campus Sexual Assault Prevention (2005)

The Division for Women is working with Arizona's universities and community colleges to improve public awareness and response to sexual assault on campus. Actions include development of a Campus Blueprint and training for campus personnel on improving prevention efforts and responding appropriately to sexual assault.

Children and Domestic Violence (2005, 2006)

The Division for Women is working with communities across Arizona to address the unique needs of children living with domestic violence. Efforts include identifying and implementing strategies for reaching these families and children at the earliest stages of the domestic violence cycle. Implementation funding comes through the Innovative Domestic Violence Prevention Grant.

Battered Immigrant Women (2005, 2006)

The Division for Women is working with seven border counties in southern Arizona to educate and train key stakeholders about the rights of battered immigrant women per the Violence Against Women Act of 2000.

Community Efforts to Raise Awareness of Domestic and Sexual Violence (2006)

Events such as: Stop Violence Against Women Day, a Domestic Violence press conference and various kickoff events in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month were held across the state to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Additionally, GOCYF participated in the annual Walk to End Domestic Violence was held in April of 2005 and 2006, sponsored by the Arizona Foundation for Women.

Crime Free Housing Legislation (2006)

Legislation passed in 2006 holds harmless those victims of domestic violence who contact police from rental property to report an incident of domestic violence. This legislation promotes efforts to learn about illegal activity in communities, addresses community security concerns and educates residents about crime prevention.

Felony Offenders of Domestic Violence (2006)

The Arizona Department of Corrections implemented the Domestic Violence Intervention Curriculum in all prisons in Arizona for Level 1, 2 and 3 male prisoners, and an alternate female version for all women prisoners at Perryville. This type of curriculum is a re-entry activity directed towards inmates achieving sobriety, preventing relapse and reducing recidivism.

Arizona Military Bases (2006)

Significant progress has been made on military bases in Arizona to implement of the domestic violence and sexual assault response services for military personnel and their families. This includes coordinated response teams that follow specific protocol to protect victims.

Division for Women Conferences and Events

Women's Health Week

Women's Health Week is a national effort to raise awareness about manageable steps women can take to improve their health. The focus is on the importance of incorporating simple preventive and positive health behaviors into everyday life, and to encourage awareness about key health issues among women. The Arizona Department of Health Services collaborates with the Division for Women to plan a variety of activities in communities around the state. Hospitals, tribal health agencies, universities, county health departments, community health centers, and community service agencies host health screening expositions, support groups, lectures, educational events, book discussions, and provide information and referral services. Educational events and health screening expositions are held around the state and GOCYF hosts an event at the Capitol which is attended by organizations who will provide screenings and information on issues such as heart disease, physical activity, stress management, diabetes, oral health, cancer, high blood pressure, preconception health, cholesterol, and osteoporosis.

Walk to End Domestic Violence

The 5K Run/Walk raises much-needed funds to support domestic violence shelters and programs in Maricopa County. This type of public supported fundraising program is more critical than ever as domestic violence incidences continue to increase. Funds are raised through registration fees and pledges collected by participants. Corporate sponsors underwrite all event costs; therefore, 100 percent of the pledges and registration fees directly benefit shelters.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Governor Napolitano proclaimed October 2005 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and attended a ceremonial signing of a bill instituting domestic violence fatality review teams. The Division for Women spearheaded an effort encouraging state employees to get involved with activities including volunteering at a shelter, donating money and attending a brown bag informational lunch session. Additionally, inmates at Arizona correctional facilities produced more than 5,000 awareness ribbons that were distributed to state employees. This effort continued in 2006 with similar efforts and even greater involvement across Arizona.

Division for Women Grants

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Funds

(2005) \$2.2M

(2006) \$2.1M

The STOP grant develops and strengthens effective law enforcement, prosecution, judicial strategies, and victims' services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

Innovative Prevention Grant Program

(2005) \$750,000

(2006) \$750,000

This grant supports proven strategies and creative ideas for the prevention of family violence with specific focus on substance abuse issues and on children who witness domestic violence.

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant

(2005) \$900,000

(2006) \$900,000

This grant funds the education and training of key stakeholders and service professionals in border counties on the rights of battered immigrant women as identified in the Violence Against Women Act of 2000.

Women's Workforce Development Grant

(2005) \$500,000

(2006) \$500,000

This grant funds community agencies that assist women with barriers to employment by enhancing employment skills and securing jobs that pay a livable wage.

Division for Community & Youth Development

The Division for Community & Youth Development manages and distributes funding to Arizona communities to support National Service programs, service-learning, volunteerism and youth development. Additionally, the Division specializes in engaging and empowering Arizona's next generation of leaders and supporting youth through policy, programs and initiatives.

Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism is Arizona's policy-recommending body for community service and volunteer related issues. The Commission funds and administers the AmeriCorps*State program and the Arizona Civil Rights Project, promotes and supports the Governor's Mentoring Initiative and National/State Days of Service, facilitates the Arizona LeaderCorps Program (a special leadership development program for representative members of Arizona's AmeriCorps programs) and provides ongoing training and technical assistance activities for sub-grantees. The Commission also coordinates the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards, the highest volunteer award in the state.



Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

This awards program hosted by the Governor recognizes youth, adults, groups and businesses that have made a significant contribution to Arizona communities through service. The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards is considered the highest volunteer award in the state. In 2005 and in 2006, 16 awards were presented.

The Arizona Positive Youth Development Initiative

The purpose of the Arizona Positive Youth Development Initiative (AzPYD) is to facilitate the development of state and community policies, initiatives and collaboration that aid communities in creating an approach to address the needs and issues of adolescents. Since its inception in 1998 AzPYD has heightened the awareness around youth development, provided trainings, strategically supported community efforts, provided policy/program direction, accessed resources to provide youth development outcomes and convened additional stakeholders on youth development issues.

Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force

The Governor has charged the Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force to serve as the leadership organization to guide and inform an integrated vision for serving youth in the State. More than 120 youth and adults with expertise in youth development have served on the Taskforce and worked to create a statewide, comprehensive youth development plan that will be released in Spring 2007. This document presents Arizona's Five Keys for Youth Success, a framework to ensure all youth graduate from high school ready to work, prepared for college and engaged in their communities.

Arizona State Citizen Corps Council

The Arizona State Citizen Corps Council fosters the development, growth and sustainability of Citizen Corps efforts to make Arizona communities safer and better prepared to respond to disasters of all kinds.

Governor's Mentoring Initiative

The Governor's Mentoring Initiative encourages state of Arizona employees to mentor school-aged youth in their communities, allowing them to use flex time of up to one hour per week to mentor a young person. Since the creation of the program, state employees have been actively engaged in mentoring school-aged youth; several cities have adopted similar programs.

Governor's Youth Commission

The Governor's Youth Commission is comprised of 40 high school students from across Arizona who advise the Governor on issues important to young people. In 2005, the Commission took on underage drinking, hosting a series of forums to educate young people about underage drinking and prepare them to go back to their schools.

Community & Youth Development Conferences and Events

Middle School Leadership Academies (2005)

The Governor's Youth Commission hosted four statewide leadership Academies for middle school students in 2005, providing workshops on substance abuse and violence prevention to 400 youth, and engaging 1,600 youth in volunteering in their communities.

National and Community Service Conference (2005, 2006)

The Commission on Service and Volunteerism sponsors the National and Community Service Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona each year. Approximately 340 participants attend each year, representing all streams of national service, including AmeriCorps*State, VISTA, National Direct programs, Senior Corps and the Governor's Youth Commission.

Governor's Mentoring Celebrations (2005, 2006)

The Governor's Mentoring Celebration was hosted by the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism to recognize the impact of mentoring on the state of Arizona. Festivities included a recognition event for outstanding mentors, "Mentors at the Movies" with special guest Phoenix Suns star Amare Stoudemire and a mentor recruitment fair at the Capitol.

National and Community Service Day at the Legislature (2006)

The First Annual National and Community Service Day at the Legislature provided Arizona's national service programs with an opportunity to meet and educate their state legislators about their national service programs. Approximately 170 participants from 20 national service programs participated in the event.

Governor's Underage Drinking Summits (2006)

The Governor's Youth Commission, in a partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), hosted two Underage Drinking Summits to educate middle and high school students on underage drinking prevention in 2006. As a result, over 2,000 youth were impacted. At the summits, surveys were administered and data was later analyzed and included in a statewide underage drinking report.

Governor's Youth Commission Focus Groups (2006)

The Governor's Youth Commission hosted six focus groups, which collected data involving parent's attitudes on youth and alcohol. With technical assistance from Pima Prevention Partnership, the data collected was analyzed and used to make recommendations on message development needed for a statewide media campaign for underage drinking prevention.

National Service Share Fairs (2006)

For the purpose of providing a new networking opportunity to Arizona's national service programs, three regional National Service Share Fairs were held. Approximately 130 representatives from 24 of Arizona's national service programs participated.

Arizona Civil Rights Project Community Leadership Institutes (2006)

A series of three Community Leadership Institutes were held to promote the Arizona Civil Rights Project and the application of Dr. King's teachings to community development activities. Training was offered in community strategic planning, asset mapping and volunteer management. Approximately 50 representatives from 24 community organizations participated in the institutes.

Community & Youth Development Grants

AmeriCorps State Grant

(2005) \$1.7M

(2006) \$1.7M

In 2005 and in 2006, \$1.7 million in AmeriCorps funding was distributed to eight programs to support their communities through tutoring, mentoring, literacy, school readiness, developing community-based volunteer programs, public safety and forest management. Last year, Arizona's 268 AmeriCorps members contributed more than 130,000 hours of service to Arizona families and communities.

Positive Youth Development Grant

(2005) \$300,000

(2006) \$300,000

Community and Youth Development was awarded \$300,000 through the Arizona Positive Youth Development Initiative to partner with a local community to demonstrate positive youth development in a local community setting. Arizona is one of only nine states in the nation to receive this funding. The purpose of this demonstration project is to effectively increase the number and array of positive development opportunities available to young people, particularly in the areas of constructive use of time, positive self-expression and civic engagement.

Youth Works Arizona Grant Program

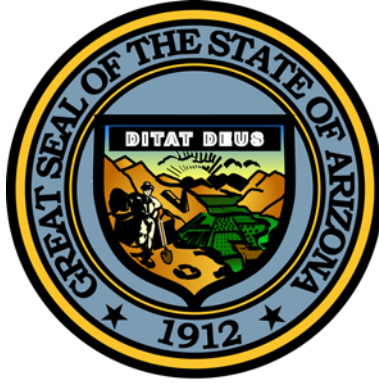
\$1.2M over five years

The Division awarded \$200,000 through the Youth Works Arizona Grant Program to support youth (ages 14-21) who have dropped out of school in attaining a G.E.D. or high school diploma and prepare them for postsecondary education opportunities, advanced training or employment.

Arizona Civil Rights Project

(2006) \$59,500

In 2006, in partnership with the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission, funding was distributed to communities to support community volunteer projects involving juvenile probationers around the State of Arizona. The community volunteer projects were initiated with the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther Jr. King Holiday as a Day of Service and continued with activities around the other National/State Days of Service throughout the year.



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